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SUBJECT: PROPOSED NEA/IEA EXPERT GROUP ON URANIUM
PROSPECTING

REF: A) STATE 188205; B) OECD PARIS 20338

1. REF B ERRONEOUSLY STATED THAT LETTER WAS FROM IEA SECRETARIAT. LETTER AND PROPOSAL FOR NEA/IEA EXPERT GROUP ARE FROM NEA (NUCLEAR ENERGY AGENCY) SECRETARIAT, ORIGINATED BY HAUSSERMANN.

2. ACCORDING TO HAUSSERMANN, BASIS FOR PROPOSED EXPERT GROUP IS AGREEMENT BY IEA SUBGROUP ON ENERGY R AND D AT ITS MAY 7 SESSION (IN RESPONSE TO A BROADER SET OF ITALIAN PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN IEA/SLT(75)37) THAT MEETING OF EXPERTS ON URANIUM PROSPECTING MIGHT BE CONVENED UNDER LEADERSHIP OF EC COMMISSION AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH CERTAIN OTHER BODIES (SEE PARA 6 OF IEA/SLT/M(75)9 FOR REFERENCE IN MINUTES). SUBJECT WAS APPARENTLY ALSO DISCUSSED AT MAY 28-30 MEETING OF NEA/
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IAEA WORKING PARTY ON URANIUM RESOURCES, MINUTES FOR

WHICH WERE ISSUED AS SEN/NELT(75)2. NEA THUS WORKED OUT PROPOSAL ON BASIS OF THESE MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH MICHAEL DAVIS, EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL WHO WOULD SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF EXPERTS GROUP IF IT MEETS. LETTER PROPOSING MEETING WAS APPARENTLY NOT CLEARED WITH SCHMIDT-KUESTER IN ADVANCE.

3. NEA LETTER WAS SENT TO FOLLOWING COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS: AUSTRALIA, CANADA, DENMARK, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, JAPAN, SPAIN, SWEDEN, UK, US, AND IAEA (CAMERON). SECRETARIAT ANTICIPATES MEETING WOULD BE FOCUSED ON PROSPECTING TECHNIQUES RATHER THAN RESOURCE ASSESSMENT.

4. SECRETARIAT CONSIDERS THAT PROPOSED MEETING IS NOT REALLY AN "IEA ACTIVITY" BUT A JOINT NEA/IEA EFFORT AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM WITH PARTICIPATION OF NON-IEA MEMBERS OR IAEA.
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